

REMARKS

In view of the above amendments and following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are requested.

In the Final Rejection mailed February 10, 2004, claims 8-10, 15 and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Nakao et al. And, claims 11-14, 16-22 and 24-28 were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, without acquiescing to the appropriateness of the prior art rejection issued by the Examiner, and solely to further advance prosecution of this application, claim 8 has been amended so as to generally correspond to allowable claim 16. Claim 16 has also been amended for consistency with regard to amended claim 8.

Claim 8 is believed to be allowable for a similar reason to that expressed by the Examiner with regard to claim 16. In this regard, Nakao et al. does not disclose or suggest any structure that

inhibits unlocking of said handle from said body structure when
said body structure is in the folded state **even when said handle
locking mechanism is actuated for unlocking said handle**,
as recited in claim 8.

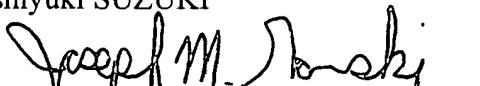
In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If after reviewing this Amendment, the Examiner believes that any issues remain which must be resolved before the application can be passed to issue, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicant's undersigned representative by telephone to resolve such issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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